

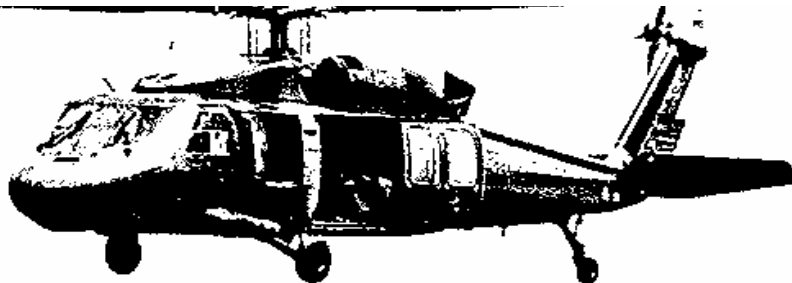
October 2001
Volume 02, Issue 1

OFFICIAL

Inside this Issue

- 1 *Drill Schedule*
 - 2 *Drill Highlights*
 - 3 *XO's Comments*
 - 4 *Admin Services S-1*
 - 5 *Training S-3*
 - 6 *Safety*
 - 7 *Family Program*
 - 8 *ADSW Opportunities*
 - 9 *Army Emergency Relief*
- ANNEXES**

1109th AVCRAD
139 Tower Ave
Groton-New London Airport
Groton, CT 06340-5300
<http://www.ct.ngb.army.mil/Units/>



AVCRAD Newsletter

1. Scheduled Drills:

Schedule

Drill Dates

13 Oct 01 Regular Drill, Annual Briefings

14 Oct 01 Record APFT/Weigh In & Unit Picnic, **Tag Sale Postponed until futher notice.**

3-4 Nov 01 Regular Drill/Home Station, Raleigh, NC (Sel Pers)

2 Dec 01 Regular Drill/Annual Showdown Inspection

3 Dec 01 Class A Inspection Holiday Party

UNIFORM:

SATURDAY: BDUs, sleeves rolled DOWN, **BERET**, shined boots and regulation haircut. (Security Badge and Military ID, Hearing Protection).

SUNDAY: **PT** gear for all soldiers Sunday morning. It could be a cold day. Therefore, the black knit pilecap (authorized, not available) and black military gloves are authorized. Bring along civilian clothes to change into for the unit picnic.

FORMATIONS

SATURDAY, 13 October:

0700 Pre-Drill MTG-Classroom, Senior NCO's and Division Chiefs

0715 **Selected Personnel (see Annex B)**, **APFT Formation** in the Fitness Center, CP Rowland.

0745 **First Formation**, North Ramp

There will be a Second Formation at 1300, Lewis Hall, U.S. Navy Base, Groton, CT. All soldiers will receive their annual briefings. See attached Strip Map for directions

SUNDAY, 14 October:

0715 APFT CADRE formation in the fitness center at Camp Rowland.

0730 **First Formation**, Camp Rowland, **all** soldiers will form up at the basketball court.

MESS-HALL DUTY ROSTER **CASHIERS:**

Sat: SGT Meekhoff

KP's

Sat: SPC Helie, SPC Kelleher

OCTOBER DRILL MEAL MENU

13 OCT 01 Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes or ham steak with pineapple, tossed salad, rolls with butter and cookies.

ANNUAL TRAINING CYCLES:

7 – 26 Oct 01: Operation BRIGHT STAR

13 – 27 Oct 01: WAATS, AZ

19 Oct – 6 Nov 01: Operation BRIGHT STAR

31 Oct – 19 Nov 01: Operation BRIGHT STAR

2. DRILL HIGHLIGHTS:

SECURITY MESSAGE: Due to the recent events on 11 Sep, increased security measures were implemented at the AVCRAD. Soldiers reporting to the AVCRAD must have their military ID or their AVCRAD ID Badge to show the gate guard prior to entering the facility. AVCRAD ID badge must be worn at all times. We must all be vigilant for suspicious activity. If something does not look right, report it to the Security Manager MAJ Panagrosso.

PARKING: Only SFC's and above will park in the compound. All SSG's and below will park in the gravel lot across the street from the main gate.

On **Saturday, 13 October 2001**, the AVCRAD will conduct the weigh in and record APFT **ONLY** for cadre scoring the APFT on Sunday and those personnel going to AT at the WAATS, AZ. At 1300, all soldiers will report to Lewis Hall at the Naval Submarine Base, Groton, CT to receive their required annual briefings.

On **Sunday, 14 October 2001**, the AVCRAD will conduct the Annual weigh-in and record APFT at Camp Rowland. If you have a medical condition that may preclude you from taking the test, **COME WITH MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION FROM YOUR DOCTOR!** Following the APFT is the unit family picnic. Bring a change of civilian clothes. Building 803 is available for showers and changing.

The APFT and Weapons Qualification Day, 1 June 02, are the **two mandatory drills** that all soldiers are required to attend. This is your opportunity to raise your NCOPS points for promotion!

NCODP: N/A

ODP: Preparation for Staff Ride

TA-50 All soldiers issued TA-50 gear will need to bring it to drill to store it in their assigned wall locker.

The **QUARTERLY ALERT ROSTER** update will take place on Saturday during the lunch hour. Verify your address and telephone contact numbers with SSGs Angulo or Fowler. Also, if you have a P.O. Box address, you must provide either an accurate street number or a strip map to your house.

3. XO's COMMENTS

1. The tragic events of 11 September 2001 have affected the United States of America and each one of us. I am sure that each of us has heard a story from a friend, relative, or acquaintance that either witnessed or experienced the attacks on the World Trade Center. The heroic efforts by the New York City Fire Department, New York City Police Department, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Workers, DoD employees and many others will not be forgotten. Please remember all those lost and those still fighting this effort in your prayers.

2. If any of you are looking to make a donation to a charity that supports the victims of 11 Sep 01, I recommend that you look at one of the charities that is supported by the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The CFC is an annual charity fundraiser, sponsored by the Federal Government. The United Way runs the local CFC. The CFC includes numerous local, regional, and

national level organizations including some that are now focused on the victims of 11 Sep 01. Please see SSG Longo for details regarding this great program.

3. When you come to drill, you will notice that the security posture of the 1109th AVCRAD has increased dramatically. We are at what is called Force Protection Condition "C" or FPCON C. You need to have your security badge and Identification Card with you at all times. You will have to show one or the other in order to obtain entry into the 1109th AVCRAD. No exceptions! All vehicles and belongings are subject to search. The soldiers and employees of the 1109th AVCRAD have done a tremendous job in enhancing the security posture. We have 24-hour armed security at the 1109th AVCRAD. This has been done with a combination of AGR soldiers, technicians, and m-day personnel. If you have to SUTA a drill, you may be assigned as a guard. If you are interested in performing ADSW to support the guard mount, please contact your chain of command or SFC Micklich in the Operations & Training Division. ADSW is available for force protection. I would like to thank all who have supported and will continue to support this requirement. You are performing at an outstanding level.

4. Lunch. The 1109th AVCRAD may be getting cooks! We are currently working with Headquarters STARC in getting four cooks attached to the 1109th AVCRAD. This will be on a permanent basis. Our kitchen will be receiving a number of upgrades to ensure that it is fully functional. Within the next two to three months you will see a big change in our lunch meals.

5. We are just starting a new training year. We have some very challenging Annual Training periods coming up. Our first Annual Training periods depart this week for Egypt as part of Operation BRIGHT

STAR 01/02. We have spent a lot of time analyzing the support requirements for this operation and developing a great support package. Starting in October, we will be sending soldiers to the Western Army Aviation Training Site (WAATS) in Marana, AZ for AH-64A Apache training. This is a new training relationship that we have developed. As we go through the year, we will be sending more soldiers to the WAATS, CCAD, Germany, and numerous other locations. Train safe and train hard. Our mission depends on you.

The Connecticut Army National Guard Web page is operational as of yesterday. You should be able to find the newsletter and other information on line via the web page. The web address is <http://www.ct.ngb.army.mil>.

1SG Comments

Senator Daschle said it best. "They have broken our hearts but not our spirit." I think historians will say, "This was the week that America changed." The notion that after the cold war ended, ideological and political tussles were dead, and we could spend the rest of our lives managing our 401K accounts is gone. We have crossed a watershed and have been rendered somewhat numb by real and honest-to goodness history. For most Americans, security has seemed a birthright. No more. The weeks and months ahead will, or at least should, give all of us an insight into where we are going. As unilateralism for us has ended so has the free ride for the rest of the world. The wonders and benefits of globalization will not work with a crippled America.

Like always, I always find it interesting listening to my fellow worker's discussions after an historic

event (prolonged presidential election; etc). Most of it is just blather, but I certainly was encouraged by everyone's willingness to help. I would also like to point out that every American citizen is just that. That includes all ethnic groups and religions. This is not the time to be pointing fingers. Everyone needs to pitch in here.

I have received a few reports of unauthorized soldiers parking in the main parking lot on drills. The parking lot is open to E7 and above only. Employment status here does not count on weekend drill.

The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) open season goes into affect this drill. To take advantage of this program you must fill out an Election and Beneficiary Form. Turn them in to the Admin Services Branch.

It's already the new TY and we are still chasing down soldiers to do their APFT and weapons qualification. Some of these are career evaders. However, there are many that Split Trained the respective drill with the promise to make these events up. From now on these drills are mandatory drills with SUTA authorization only by LTC Shea.

4. ADMIN/SERVICES:

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN:

Beginning on 9 October 2001, members of the uniformed services will be able to enroll in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) during a special 60-day enrollment period. Soldiers can get additional information by visiting the following website;

<http://www.tsp.gov/uniserv/index.html>.

MILITARY ID CARDS

Soldiers that still have the old red Military ID cards need to get the new green card, especially if you are

travelling OCONUS. See ADMIN for scheduled times.

UPCOMING BOARD DATES:

NCOPS Board to:

MSG/SGM	15-17 Jan 02
SFC	19-21 Feb 02
SSG	19-21 Mar 02
SGT	16-18 Apr 02

QRB: 13-15 Mar 02

NEW SOLDIERS!

Welcome to the following soldiers:

CW3 Kermode to Attack Br
SSG Rivera to Obsv Br 67V/T
SGT Aylmer to Elec/Arm - 35R
SGT Brodeur to Obsv Br - 68B
SPC Brown-Warren to Unit Supply
SPC Farrell to ATE - 35R
SPC Newman to Cargo - 68B
PVT Michaud to Comp Rep - 68F

NCOER's:

FYI. Annual ending dates for NCOER's for non-AGR soldiers will be the last day of the month listed below for each rank:

E8's: August
E7's: September
E6's: October
E5's: November

AGR soldiers or off-cycle M-Day end dates for NCOES are posted on the Admin Bulletin Board. NCOER's must be completed (typed, signed & ready to forward to Hartford) no later than 60 days after the cut off dates.

Remember, all non-AGR soldiers require at least 2 written counseling sessions annually. AGR soldiers require 4 sessions. Record these performance counseling sessions on DA Form 2166-7-1. These dates are VERY IMPORTANT and are required entries on the NCOER's by the rater.

The Master NCOER Rating Scheme is posted on the Admin Bulletin

Board. Make sure you know who YOU rate and who rates you.

Any questions on NCOER's, see SFC Ives or CW3 Walker.

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN (CFC)

Once again, it is time for Combined Federal Campaign. 1109th AVCRAD is currently conducting its annual campaign. Please help us reach the goal by contributing to a charity in the brochure. Whatever you can afford will be appreciated.

Each year, our contributions help support hundreds of charities. Thousands of people in our community benefit from funded services. The charities help preserve our environment and respond to personal tragedies as natural disasters occur. Most of the charities are geared toward helping people no matter what their income level. We all benefit from living and working in a healthier, happier world.

I hope you will decide to contribute to the campaign. There is someone out there who needs the help your contribution can provide.

If you have any questions or you would like to make a contribution please see SSG Longo.

UNIT DUES

If you have not paid please see SSG Longo

E1-E4	-	\$4
E5	-	\$6
E6	-	\$8
E7-E9	-	\$12
Officers	-	\$15

5. TRAINING:

The TY-02 IDT and AT dates are now available. Copies will be distributed during the Oct MUTA.

If you are interested in attending any Army School you must fill out

AVCRAD Form 717 with your Section Sergeant. Please do not come directly to Training.

Attention!

Foreign travel. Reminder, as DOD employees (full or part-time) you are required to receive a briefing **prior** to any overseas travel. This is not optional – it is mandatory. You should contact the Operations & Training Division at a minimum of two weeks prior to traveling and identify the country or countries that you are traveling to. They will then make arrangements for a briefing. Depending on where you are traveling to, the briefing can be either via telephone, web page or in some instances, you will be required to come to the AVCRAD for a detailed briefing. Points of contact for foreign travel are MAJ Panagrosso or CW3 Judd.

The **AVIATION BALL** will be held on 17 May 2002 at the Farmington Marriot. If you are interested in helping out on a committee, please contact MAJ Panagrosso at x-2956.

MAJ Scott A. Panagrosso

6. SAFETY: Regulatory Guidance for the Wear of Motorcycle Helmets

In accordance with Paragraph B-3d, Appendix B, Army Regulation 385-55, which states, "Soldiers will wear a properly fastened, approved water and turn helmet, whenever and wherever, (on or off post), they operate or ride a motorcycle or moped. Civilian personnel must wear a helmet when driving or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle or moped on Army installations or while on Government business off the installation." Installations include Fort Devens, Fort Dix, West Point, the US Sub Base, etc. This guidance applies to AGR personnel 24 hours a day. This guidance

applies to M-Day personnel commuting to and from drill and throughout an entire AT/ADT/ADSW period of duty. Formal Investigations may be ruled as Not Line of Duty, if a subject of a motorcycle accident was not wearing a helmet at the time of the accident.

Continuing in Darwin Series

The Bird and the Fire Engine

(2001, Florida) A stretch of road in Clearwater dubbed the "Miracle Mile" carries three times its designed load of traffic. A few years ago I was approaching a green light at a busy intersection on the Miracle Mile when I noticed a fire engine, lights flashing and sirens blaring, trying to cross against the light.

People were whizzing by, oblivious to the fire engine, and preventing it from crossing. I don't know how they overlooked it -- presumably they just chose to ignore it. If an emergency vehicle were responding to something involving me, I'd want it to have nothing but clear road, so I always give way.

I pulled up to the crosswalk and stopped, despite the green light. Traffic continued to whiz past me on both sides, ignoring the fire engine sitting at the intersection awash with lights and sirens. A guy in a white Lexus nearly rear-ended me, and as he gingerly nosed his way back into the traffic that was whizzing by, he locked eyes with me and gave me a single finger salute, holding eye contact until he was completely past me.

He faced forward just in time to see the fire engine smack in front of him. It had finally fought its way into the middle of the intersection. I'd have liked to stay and witness his ignominy, but instead I waved cheerfully and drove off, leaving him to explain to police and a dozen unhappy firemen, how he could miss a forty-foot bright-yellow fire truck with a shrieking siren and enough lights to outshine a Christmas tree. Unfortunately he didn't quite win a Darwin Award.

DarwinAwards.com © 1994 - 2001
Submitted by: [Alan Petrillo](#)

There are a couple of morals to this story. First, if you are not involved in assisting someone in an accident, get out of the way. This is equally true here at the facility or anywhere else. Secondly, gawkers at accidents on the highway create a dangerous situation by causing backups with people slamming on their brakes, road rage created because of the traffic jam, and once past the accident, it is like a running start at the Indy 500. It never fails to amaze me that we can have a traffic jam on the south side of the highway when the accident is on the north side of the road! Set the example for professionalism and courtesy by not being one of the lemmings that must gather at the accident site out of morbid curiosity.

CW4 William Odell, AVCRAD
Safety Officer

7. FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM:

The unit TAG SALE has been postponed for Sat, 13 Oct due to the increased Force Protection Condition level. If you have anything to donate, please contact SFC Nancy Rogers at 441-2972. We will still collect items for a future date.

The unit will hold its annual family day picnic on Sunday, 14 Oct. It will be at 1200 hours under the new pavilion at Camp Rowland. Contact SGM Messina for details or if you wish to help.

Here is information on local Military Exchanges / Commissaries in the local area.

CP Rowland Exchange: Closed Monday, Tues – Sat 1000 – 5:00PM; Sun 1000 – 4:00PM Telephone (860) 739-9672

Sub Base, New London, CT Mon – Wed, Fri 9:00 – 6:00PM; Thus 9:00 – 7:00PM; Sat & Sun 9:00 – 5:00PM; Holidays 9:00 – 4:00PM Telephone (860) 694-3811

8. ADSW OPPORTUNITIES

Soldiers are needed to support the National Guard's increased role in homeland defence. We need soldiers to provide security at the AVCRAD and other facilities in Connecticut. If you are interested, please call MAJ Panagrosso or CW3 Walker.

9. ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

Army Emergency Relief has established a special fund for the victims of Tuesday's attack, "**The Pentagon Victims Fund**". You may mail your donations to Army Emergency Relief, 200 Stovall Street, Room 5-N-13, Alexandria, VA 22332-0600. Please indicate on your check that you want this donation earmarked for "**The Pentagon Victims Funds**". For those who desire to contribute to a fund to assist civilians, we recommend they contact the Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund regarding Suite 200, 8441 West Bowles Ave., Littleton, CO 80123-3245, 1-800-323-4140. As important, your prayers for our soldiers and the civilians that were killed, and their family members, will also be appreciated.

ANNEX A

AVCRAD FULL TIME

POC, PHONE LIST

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING DIVISION

MAJ Panagrosso 441-2956
MSG Berube 441-2954
SFC Micklich 441-2957
SSG Edwards 441-2955

ADMIN SERVICES DIVISION

CW3 Walker 441-2953
SFC Ives 441-2962
SSG Major 441-2959
SSG Mecomber 441-2960

MAINTENANCE DIVISION

MAJ Allen 441-2911
CW4 Delea 441-2931

QC DIVISION

CW3 Teague 441-2925
MSG Slater 441-2968

PROD CONTROL DIV

MAJ Burnside 441-2910
1SG Donnee 441-2924

MATERIAL MGT DIVISION

CW2 Walters 441-2940
MSG Augustinsky 441-2972
SFC Moore 441-2992

FLIGHT OPS DIVISION

CW4 Odell 441-2918
SSG Pons 441-2920
Det 2, Co I, 185th Avn
CW5 Zoller 441-2913
CW4 Muthig 441-2922
SGT Dumas 441-2914

Annex B

The following will report at 0715 hrs 13 OCT 01 to the Fitness Center at Camp Rowland. Individuals will be notified by Training Section by telephone.

SFC Weikel	SFC Zaharie
SSG Landry	SSG York
SSG Kraemer	SSG Edwards
SSG Angula	SSG Fowler
SSG Pons	SSG Madison
SSG Martin	SSG McJunkins
SSG Liska	SSG Littlehale
SSG Richardson	SGT Brodie
SGT Breen	SGT Meekhoff
SGT Callahan	SGT Walklett
SGT Zimerman	SPC Marone
PFC Preciado	PFC Monks
PFC Hardy	PFC Gravel
SFC Micklich	SFC Hasara